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SPECIAL REPORT

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC)

The following hard information has been received from sources considered reliable and represent the more noteworthy developments in the current demonstration and resistance atmosphere surrounding the Democratic National Convention.

The U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, is convening a Special Federal Grand Jury to make inquiries concerning an allegation that the Blackstone Rangers, a Negro youth gang, plan to assassinate Candidates Humphry and McCarthy as well as Senator John McClellan. Subpoenas are being issued for all gang leaders and members who may possibly be implicated and hearings should commence on 23 August 1968.

It has been reported that a Black Nationalist group in Los Angeles, California, has assigned four (4) individuals to kill U. S. District Court Judge James Parsons and three prominent Chicago politicians. The prospective victims, all Negroes, have been selected because of either their prominence or because they have not supported the aims of the Nationalist organization.

Chicago Police have been investigating acts of sabotage against the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Five television cables have been cut in the vicinity of the Blackstone and Hilton Hotels all between 16 and 18 August 1968. No arrests have been reported.

The Socialist Workers Party, a cited organization, has decided to confine its Convention activity to the distribution of leaflets during demonstrations conducted by other groups.

It has been reported that the East Side Service Organization (ESSO) will send representatives to Chicago to participate in demonstrations. This New York City based group is comprised of violently anti-police and anti-social individuals who normally carry knives and who have been known to use fire-arms and Molotov Cocktails. Present plans indicate the participants will travel in three automobiles and will depart New York on 23 August 1968.

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Ramparts Magazine plans to publish a daily paper during the Convention and will be based at the University Christian High School, Chicago, Illinois.

On 22 August 1968, a group of approximately 150 "Hippie - Yippie" types demonstrated without official sanction in the Chicago area. Carrying signs derogatory to the Chicago Police Department, the demonstrators were protesting the killing of a "Hippie" by a police officer on the night of 21 August 1968. No incidents or arrests of demonstrators were reported.

The Czechoslovak National Council of America has obtained a city permit to rally at the Chicago Civic Center on 24 August 1968. The rally which could draw as many as 5000 has been called to protest the Russian take over in Czechoslovakia.